

**CAPTAIN STEVEN J. ANDERSEN**  
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Captain Steve Andersen grew up in Vienna, Virginia, leaving in 1980 for his first year of college as a Navy ROTC midshipman at the University of South Carolina. One year later entered U.S. Coast Guard Academy where he graduated in 1985 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He specialized in surface operations for his first nine years in the Coast Guard, starting out as a student engineer on the Coast Guard Cutter STEADFAST, then located in St. Petersburg, Florida. He later commanded the cutter CAPE KNOX, a patrol boat located in Charleston, SC, and the cutter STURGEON BAY, an icebreaker located on Governor's Island, New York, and with icebreaking responsibilities on the Hudson River between New York City and Albany. In between those assignments he was the patrol boat facility manager at Coast Guard Headquarters.



He was selected for the Coast Guard's funded legal education program and graduated from George Mason University Law School in 1997. He spent the next four years as a judge advocate and Assistant Legal Officer at the Seventh District Office in Miami. While there he was selected as the 2001 Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida. For the next three years, he was the senior operational law attorney for Atlantic Area and the Fifth District, and in 2003 he was selected by the Judge Advocates Association as the Outstanding Career Armed Services Attorney. In 2004 he took over as the Deputy Chief of the Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic Legal Division, the Coast Guard's largest field legal office. During this period he was also designated as a military judge.

In 2007 he took command of Coast Guard Base Portsmouth, VA. As Base Commander he was responsible to provide mission support throughout the Coast Guard's Fifth District (mid-Atlantic region). In 2010 he transferred to NATO Training Mission Afghanistan to serve in the office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

CAPT Andersen is a member of the Virginia State Bar. His wife and their three children reside in Chesapeake, VA.